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**SUBMISSION OF PATENT DECLARATION**

Sir:

Enclosed herewith for official submission is the executed Declaration And Power Of Attorney For Patent Application in connection with the above-referenced application. The accompanying Declaration is being submitted in response to the Notice to Missing Parts dated June 23, 2004.

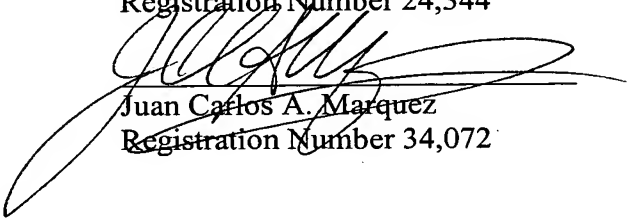
The executed Declaration was not earlier submitted due to the unavailability of the official Application Serial Number which was not known until the receipt of the Official Filing Receipt. The Declaration is now being submitted in accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.63 and MPEP §602 at 600-29. The original application as filed referenced the same Title of the Invention and the same inventors as the attached Declaration. As such, it is submitted that the attached Declaration does comply with all requirements and is being timely filed. If applicable, Applicant(s) hereby request that the date on which the original application was filed with the USPTO be accorded as the official U.S. filing date of the above-referenced application.

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully solicited. Should there be any outstanding issues requiring discussion that would further the prosecution and allowance

of the above-captioned application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the address and phone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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